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SILK POLYPEPTIDES AND  
PRODUCTS THEREOF

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.115**

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Sir:

Please consider the following preliminary claim amendments for entry that are submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.115 in connection with the above-identified application.

A Transmittal Letter to the United States Designated Office (FORM PTO-1390) is enclosed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.